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fruitful life of his large old trees, that the chemical constitution of the soil must be considered an element in the problem.

Mr. John Fulton, of Saxton, communicated, through the Secretary, a new and more complete section of the coal beds of Somerset Co., Pa.

Prof. Fraser communicated a statement supplementary to his observations in September last on the color of the moon.

Mr. Fraley reported the receipt of the last quarter's rentes from the Michaux Legacy investment

And the meeting was adjourned.

Stated Meeting, May 15th, 1874.

Present, 13 members.

Vice-President, Mr. Fraley, in the Chair.

Dr. W. Camac, a new member, was introduced to the presiding officer, and took his seat.

A letter declining membership from inability to attend the meetings was received from Mr. J. C. Browne, dated 907 Clinton street, Philadelphia, May 1st, 1874

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the U. S. Observatory, Washington, May 4th. 1874 (II., V., XII., XIII., XIV., XVI., 69, 70, 71, 73, to 91); the New York Historical Society, May 11th, 1874 (XV., i.); Holland Society, Harlem, March 1st, 1873 (XIV., iii., 87); R. Academy, Lisbon, March 26th, 1874 (88, 89); and R. Observatory, Prague, February 4th, 1874 (88, 89).

Letters of envoy were received from the R. Academy at Amsterdam, Nov. 15, 1873, and the H. Society at Harlem, March, 1873.

Donations for the library were received from the Holland Society at Harlem; R. Academy at Amsterdam; Geological Institute at Vienna; R. Academy at Turin; Revue Politique;